

## TIPS AT THE SEA SHORE.

Doings at the Literaries—Fun and Pastime in the Gay Circles—The Capital City Throng Much in Evidence—Concerts, Musicales and Cake Walks Galore—Social Life at the Sea Side.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Special—The past ten days have been the liveliest of the season. There are two large concert halls here, and both have had filled houses during this time. The polo games ended on Monday. Generally the end of polo here means the slow but steady return to town of Narragansett's summer colony. When the games cease, rain commences, and from now on it is almost an invariable rule that we will have four or five successive days of rain. The season at its best has been a disappointing one in more ways than one. There have not been as many people here as usual; and those here differ from those of a few years ago. Those employed in the hotels complain of a great falling off of tips, the hotel man's dependency. When pleasure is afforded those inclined to be liberal the fees are satisfactory, but since the fire of last year, and Sherry's Casino, the pleasure resort of the pier was destroyed, there seems to be a general dissatisfaction among those who come here to spend and receive their money's worth, and as a matter of course tips have decreased, in some cases the guests have even absolutely overlooked that standing rule of handing the servant his. There is a rumor afloat that the Rockingham will be rebuilt and a race course planned. If this be done Narragansett will not have to depend on its adjacency to Newport for its prestige and popularity.

A paper of unusual interest at the literary by Mr. Joseph Ballard of Clafin University, the subject being, "China and International Law." We can say with pride that for once the race issue was a side issue and the subject of the paper was discussed. So interesting was the subject that the chair on not one occasion had to pass judgment on a point of order. The program was not as elaborate as it has been heretofore but the argument presented pro and con made up for any other deficiency.

The Flower Boys gave a grand cake walk and dance at Halcyon Hall August 8. The cake walk was the feature of the evening. Its participants showed marked proficiency both in the legitimate and burlesque forms. Mr. Justin Brown and lady of Washington were the fortunate winners of the first prize. The officers of the club are Messrs. Maston, D. B. Martin, T. Chick, T. Pryor, John Wrigg and F. Nixen.

Among the most popular person present may be mentioned Misses Maud and Louise Graves, L. Collins, Eddie and Mamie Garner of Boston; Misses E. Frye, Elsie Miles, C. Hackett, Emma's epics, Lu Campbell, Mamie Lloyd and Mrs. A. Grims of Washington, Messrs. James I. Whisnart, Robert D. Leckie and J. Henry King of New York.

Mr. George W. Thornton showed marked ability in his direction of the cake walk. He is to lead the cake walk which is to be given at the same hall on the night of the 28th inst. On this date there is to be given a combination cake walk prize walk and dance which is to be one of the season. The champions of the season are to compete in one final event.

Messrs. James Varrick, Adolph Byrd, Frank Thompson, Justin Brown and others with their ladies one to appear. Mr. Ed Ambler's unexcelled orchestra held sway last Thursday and he has the contract for furnishing the music on the 20th.

On Monday night a grand concert was given at Columbus Hall. An original sketch, "The Ghost" deserves great credit. It showed much study on part of the participants, and would, with a little remedying, do credit to a first class vaudeville house.

Messrs. Lee, McCrone, Jeffries and Jones of the Browning Quartette did some commendable work. Messrs. McOllie, Thompson and Tyler furnished the fun, and Messrs. C. A. Miller, W. Madison and Weyman Frye in full dress with grace and pleasure escorted you to your seat. The grand display of electric lights added much beauty to the other stage decorations. For furnishing such an evening of pleasure

many thanks are due the members of the Art Club.

Present were Misses Jennie Reeder, Amelia Pinkett, Mr. and Mrs. Allison G. Waterman, Mrs. L. B. Cooper, William Brooks, J. Spriggs, John White, C. Jackson, Wilson Williams, Frank Hendrickson and others.

The Selika Quartette under the management of Mr. Fred Freeman the headwaiter at the Mathews is to tour a few towns in Massachusetts before returning to Washington. A grand concert is being arranged to be given in North Adams. Here Mr. Freeman will make his debut on the 'cello.

Mr. Joseph Pollen of Washington is here doing some work on a rather difficult classic. He has made marked progress while at the New England Conservatory. Mr. Pollen graduates in 1903 and then hopes to perfect himself in Germany. His own class while in Boston numbers twenty odd pupils. So far he has written half a dozen classics and a sacred song. Some of this music will be published and put before the public this fall. It is hoped that a recital will be had before he leaves for northern Massachusetts.

Mr. O. B. Jackson of the Aeolian Mandolin and Guitar Club is ably upholding the reputation of the club. In all select concerts something goes wrong unless Mr. Jackson is on the program. His geniality is mostly in evidence when at the Washington Club.

Mr. J. H. Thompson, president Missionary Mite Society and principal East Lewisville School, Jacksonville, Fla., is making quite a bit along musical and literary lines. Last Sunday night he sang "Veni Creator," with much feeling and technique.

Mrs. J. Collins has returned from Newport where she has spent the past three weeks. We notice Mr. Collins seems to be in a better mood since her return. Before returning home they expect to make a two weeks' stay in Newport.

Mr. C. A. Wright is to leave on the first of September for New Bedford. He goes to visit Mrs. A. J. Reed. From New Bedford he leaves for Buffalo where he is to meet a party of friends who are to visit the Falls, Canada and points of interest nearby.

Much life will be added to the Washington colony when Mr. W. R. Locke reaches Buffalo. At present he is undecided as to the date, but he will not stay here later than the first, as he wishes to reach Washington by the latter part of September.

Mr. M. C. Wilson and wife were seen examining a cozy looking little cottage. We hope we are to be blessed with their company next season. Their interest in all social events is unbounded. Not once have they missed a polo game.

A conspicuous person is Mr. W. M. Nero. Because of his quiet demeanor, his affability and general bearing he is appreciated by all. Were he inclined to accept all invitation offered he would soon be a fit subject for a doctor.

Chicago must have a peculiar charm. It has been a task for Mr. Alex B. Rivers to end the season with us. He likes here but as soon as a heavy rain starts in we may expect to bid him adieu. We wonder what the attraction is.

Mr. J. P. Allen is soon to leave for Indianapolis, Ind., where he is to remain for the winter. While the tales at the club are being told Mr. Allen is a good listener, but when it is his turn to tell, bad and indifferent listeners tend him both ears.

Mr. Robert Freeman is pondering over an appointment. A position has been tendered him in the Library at Washington, and as yet he has not decided as to whether he will accept. We are certain the Library will secure the services of a good man should he accept.

Mr. Adolph Byrd has not missed a dance or polo game this season. In all concerts he has taken an active part. It is his intention to visit Boston and Newport before returning to Washington.

You will hardly recognize a tall, broad, six-footer with a protruding abdomen of huge dimensions as being one W. W. Orme.

Misses Marie Voss of Washington and M. Sydnor of Boston are spending the heated August season here.

Messrs. S. I. Dorsey, Lewis Varick and Walter Joyce are to be here until some time in September.

Mr. John White, assistant principal of the Manassas Industrial School is one of the most popular men of the Pier. For seven successive years he

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ton on his homeward trip as he usually does.

Messrs. Furman Wormley and L. Bradley defended the Washington Club in a game of duplicate whist Saturday night against Messrs. J. Radcliffe and T. S. Grasty. X. Y. X.